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Hello,

Water resources professionals are at the forefront of a changing social and economic climate, and their ideas and expertise are needed now more than ever. That is the focus of our Earth Day Special Edition. We'll take a look at water (of course), as well as sustainability, green energy, and what's ahead in the years to come. Just aim your browser at <http://www.bcwaternews.com/EarthDay/2009/home.html>. It's all part of our bonus coverage that supplements your regular issue of the Florida Water News.

In this week's news, days before Easter, a backhoe began to drop dirt back into a canal dug a half-century ago near Lake Winder to drain the St. Johns River floodplain for farming. The leveling of a 2.5-mile dike alongside the canal should resurrect this stretch of the river within months.

Think of this project as a "rain-garden concept" with an environmental twist. A barren stretch of land tucked in the rear of Lincoln High School's campus has been transformed into the state's first stormwater treatment facility at a public school.

And released on Earth Day, a new web site for boaters uses interactive video, animation, audio and graphics covering everything from how to avoid tearing up sea grass to techniques for catching and releasing fish alive.

Here are a few of the other stories making news across the state:

Surprise departure could shift voting margin for U.S. Sugar deal
Miami to tap stimulus for \$200 million smart grid

Tampa turns to reserves to make ends meet

UCF to showcase renewable and sustainable energy projects

Living green: Former Sarasota landfill is now a park

Plenty of news from [around the world](#),, too, updated twice daily.

Welcome to our newest readers:

Sunil Pancholy, director, Center for Water Quality, Florida A&M University

Nathaniel Bailey, environmental manager, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee

Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, president, Our Santa Fe River, Ft. White

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Have a great weekend!

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